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## Strom Finds Strength to Share

By Mick Colageo

Inspired by her angels, Hannah Strom is already strategizing on how to pay it forward. "I want to help people just like people helped me," she told *The Wanderer* last week, only days after taking the giant step of a Sunday run from Island Wharf along Front Street past Pitcher Street where she lives and on down to Silvershell Beach, where she was greeted by her father Tom Strom bearing a golden doodle puppy named Ruthie.

The surprise at the finish line capped a very



**On the Cover:** On the afternoon of December 16, the front yard of a Rochester home where Mattapoissett Road and Perry Hill Road meet did not need to wait for the snow or the sunset to dazzle with holiday pageantry. More photos inside from Santa's ride on a fire engine through Mattapoissett. Photo by Ryan Feeney

gratifying event for Hannah, her family, and all those who supported her.

"Those who ran with her were perfect to run with her; those are just some of her angels. That Abigail never gave up, she would write things down on Hannah," said Hannah's mother, Gail Theresa Matoes-Strom. "We've had all these sort of angels help Hannah. I called them 'the running dream team.' All of them wanted to run with her, especially her very first therapist.... I was really touched

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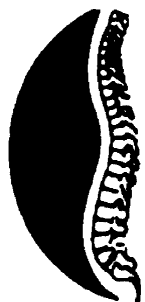
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by that."

Abigail Spaulding, that "very first therapist" whose last name is coincidental to her employment with Spaulding Rehabilitation in Charlestown, was present for Hannah's first step and first time out of bed. Secured by a body harness, Hannah wasn't able to hold her head up, according to Gail. "[Abigail] had to hold her up so many times, then she had to take her upstairs," she said. "Each week, Hannah would get just a little bit better. [Abigail] actually saved Hannah in a lot of ways."

Even amidst the coronavirus pandemic, few could ever understand how long 2020 has been for Hannah Strom, whose ordeal began on January 15 when the van she was riding in with her Holy Cross rowing teammates collided with a pickup truck in Vero Beach, Florida, taking the life of teammate Grace Rett and inflicting severe injuries on several others.

Her lengthy and complicated road back began in a Florida hospital and saw her continue to rehab at Massachusetts General Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. On June 3, she returned home with a police escort and was cheered as she passed through the Tabor Academy campus and Marion village.

Hannah finished first in her class at Tabor, and among her December 13 running mates was Meredith Finch, Hannah's rowing coach and academic advisor for her senior year at Tabor.





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"I'm really happy to have the opportunity to coach and work with Hannah back when she was at Tabor and all through this. She's an amazing athlete and a really hard worker," said Finch.

Finch, as she is known around campus, went several times to see Hannah in the intensive care unit "and would sit in on some of her sessions so they're close," said Gail.

Hannah's lengthy, in-patient stint at Spaulding concluded with an eight-week program called the "The Disorders of Consciousness." The program was nearing completion when the therapists wanted Hannah to extend "because they felt they could do more wonderful things with her," according to Gail.

"During the two weeks that the program was extended, miracles started happening."

Hannah went from "You're going home with a feeding tube" and "She'll need this, she'll need that— little by little— to eating normally," said Gail. "I just envisioned that 100 percent I was getting my daughter back."

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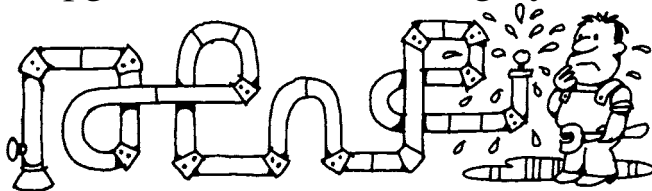
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Hannah was put on a calorie count, and a week before going home, the feeding tube came out. She was given a wheelchair to use at home, but when she got home, she didn't want to use it. "I'm 19; I shouldn't have to use a wheelchair," said Gail, recalling Hannah's words.

Therapy progressed after Hannah got home to Marion. She has been working once a week with Cheryl Langlais of Seaside Physical Therapy on Front Street while continuing twice-weekly visits to Spaulding's center in Sandwich. Since July, she has made weekly visits to see Lynn Carlson at Acton-based ChiroPro. Her therapists give her work to do at home, too.

Hannah does some of that with her 16-year-old brother David, a junior at Tabor, who shares Hannah's passion for rowing and is a member of the Seawolves' crew team. David ran alongside his sister and has been mature beyond his years.

"He's been really strong; he was only 15 when the accident happened," recalled Gail, who anticipates returning soon to her job at Verizon. "Out of that entire time, I only came home two days to get clothes for her—they want you to wear regular clothes for physical therapy—and some appointments. Both times my sister stayed with her ... for three months, I didn't leave the seventh floor. He would always tell me, 'I know you're where you need to be.' He's been my rock."

Her magnificent strides notwithstanding, Hannah struggles to hear. "It's a very rare thing to happen, we are told," said Gail. "Her ears are fine, but when the sound goes in, for us, it goes up and around to the other side of the brain, but for her, it doesn't happen."

Because Hannah is only 20 years old and her brain is not finished developing, the family is encouraged that she will find a new neural pathway to process sounds. She remains undeterred and anticipates a return to Holy Cross in 2021.

"I'm a psychology major, and I didn't know what I want to do," Hannah said, thinking back to her life before the accident. Thanks to the impression her "angels" have left on her, she knows now. "I hopefully want to go to graduate school for physical therapy. I want to help people just like people helped me."

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
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**By George B. Emmons**

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His parents were hard-working tenant farmers, and the hardship of this feudal life took its toll on the free-minded Burns. As he matured, his attention turned to an inner passion for creative writing and composing verse and song. He evolved as a well-known Gaelic romantic pioneer and founder of social and liberal orchestration of his life and the times. During this productive period in his working life, he was distracted by illicit affairs with women and drinking, but by the age of 27, he became



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Before he died in 1798, Burns was elected as the national poet of Scotland. After he was gone, his friends gathered annually on his birthday, January 25, to celebrate with memorial events that included a haggis meal with his poetry before serving. After the meal, two poems were recited: "The Immortal Memory" and "Toast to the Lassies."

The second poem paid tribute to Burns as a man with a way with women and the many songs he wrote about them. This tribute later became a national holiday every year in Scotland, but elsewhere second fiddle to his iconic New Year's Eve classic "Auld Lang Syne." The festive ceremony was sung by a group of family and friends holding hands in a circle of mutual remembrance of "auld acquaintance" and time not to be forgotten.

This tribute to Burns' nostalgic work has earned its status of quintessential worldwide celebration and recognition at the exact midnight moment of the countdown in Times Square, New York City, with the playing of the tune by Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadian Orchestra before the flaming ball of fire drops to usher in the New Year.

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## Freetown Turns Down Old Colony

*Rochester Board of Selectmen*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Rochester Board of Selectmen was notified during its December 21 meeting that the Town of Freetown had joined the Bristol-Plymouth district, declining the October 27 invitation made by the Old Colony Regional School District.

The notification, received on December 14, means that students from Freetown currently attending Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will be the last allowed to make that choice. Had Freetown accepted Old Colony's invitation, the town's addition to the district would have required a unanimous vote in

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Rochester's spring Town Meeting.

In other business, Rochester Town Counsel Blair Bailey told the selectmen to anticipate the Planning Board's official approval of Ken Steen's 40R residential project on Route 28 and a selectmen's vote at its next meeting.

Meantime, Phil Cordeiro, who has represented Steen throughout many Planning Board and Conservation Commission meetings, has requested an increase over Steen's original request for water allocation.

Selectman Woody Hartley asked how this request will affect Rochester's water agreement with the Town of Wareham and whether Rochester should ask Wareham for more water.

Bailey reported a discussion earlier in the day with Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar.

"Given this project's numbers, I think what we have to do is move forward with it and, yes, if it turns out they are using that much (water), then I think we do need to go to Wareham," said Bailey. "I think the issue is every engineer I've spoken to says that those are [Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection] numbers that bear absolutely no resemblance to the actual water usage of the project."

Bailey advised that the project be permitted, and then see how much water is actually being used. "Wareham has said to us they're absolutely willing to give us whatever water want to use," he said. "I think we need

numbers from them on their ... three commercial sites that they want to [establish]."

Szyndlar reported from a conversation with Cordeiro that his projection of over 29,000 gallons per day was based on all the future build-up scenarios that would not be completed for at least two to three years.

On Friday, the Town of Rochester received stickers for the use of the Benson Brook Transfer Station and beach stickers from the Town of Marion. Szyndlar anticipated that Rochester's website would post access information over the next day or two.

Benson Brook is scheduled to open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, but the days and times are subject to change. The cost for stickers will be \$70 for Rochester residents and \$60 for seniors, with administrative costs tacked onto previously announced costs.

Also, in her Town Administrator's Report, Szyndlar reported that Delta Dental has given relief of 35 percent of the November premium adjusted invoice to subscribers who are town employees, the second time they have done so.

The selectmen will sign the annual Town Meeting and Election warrant as one combined document.

In a 6:10 pm continued hearing for a street name change, Rochester resident Thomas Cullen was granted a request to change the name of the road that serves his home only.

"It's just a personal reason. My wife of 16 years and I have been driving down this road named in my ex-wife's maiden name (Duhamel)," explained Cullen, who wants to celebrate the paying off of his mortgage.

The new name will be Patty's Way. Cullen would like a street number as well, something he will request from the building commissioner.

Hartley reported to the board on two grant pursuits, one aimed at CARES Act funding for the development of year-round outside activities, and another for a canopy solar array in the parking lot at Rochester Memorial School.

The selectmen voted to accept Annie Maxim House donations and send a letter of thanks on behalf of

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all town boards that received a donation. The donations included: \$750 to the ambulance service, \$1,000 to the Police Department, \$500 to the Fire Department, and \$250 to the Council on Aging.

The selectmen voted to sign the Lakeville Animal Shelter annual agreement.

The board broke off into an executive session to discuss negotiations with vendors and a strategy for negotiations with non-union personnel.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 4 at 6:00 pm.

## Larkin Looks to Assist ORR Administration

*Marion Finance Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail simply has not had time to attend a string of recent Sippican Elementary School budget subcommittee meetings, so the Finance Committee sought to appoint a member to act as the town's liaison to the subcommittee.

The eventual appointment of FinCom member Karen Kevelson was only one of several made, as each member attending FinCom's December 16 meeting left with a homework assignment.

Chairman Peter Winters handed off the meeting to committee member Shay Assad, who in turn engaged member Charles Larkin regarding the latter's ongoing interests in creating a comprehensive financial report.

"Charlie has been really active in trying to gain a relationship with ORR," said Assad, inviting Larkin to take the floor. Larkin confirmed that interest.

"I feel a little bit like Don Quixote here, but I have a vision of putting together with downloads from their mainframe a very user-friendly financial report," explained Larkin. "Going back 'x' amount of years because I don't know how far back we can go. If I could go back five, I would. And then the state sanctions exactly what departments they have so every school district has the same ones."

Larkin continued, "I won't get the numbers right, but Department 031 is like 'the faculty in the shop room,' and it's that way for everybody. And, believe it or not, that information exists. It's just not presented in a way that many of us really can understand." He told the committee that he knows of examples of other municipalities in which the numbers are presented in "a great way for the school committee. It's not really about financial oversight. It's a great way for the school committee and the superintendent to present the information."

Larkin would like to see such a presentation at least once a year, and, ideally, twice annually.

At the time of FinCom's December 16 meeting, Larkin had yet to meet privately with new Superintendent Mike Nelson or Assistant Superintendent of Finance



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and Operations Howie Barber. They did meet at the Music Hall when FinCom invited ORR administration to present an overview. He had met earlier in the year with former Superintendent of Schools Doug White and his interim financial assistant, Lincoln Lynch, but is now starting over.

Waiting on an official appointment by FinCom to act as its liaison to ORR, Larkin envisions a creation that would require minimal tweaking for subsequent presentations.

Larkin estimates that approximately half of Marion's budget goes to ORR and Sippican Elementary School. "If you're going to start slaying dragons, to me, that's where we need to start," he said. "There's far-

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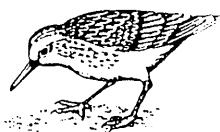
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reaching consequences to this; I don't think there's a lot of trust. I'm trying to go in with my hands open and try to be embraced as someone who wants to be additive. I know FinCom's history is [to] challenge them, whereas what I'm trying to do is say, 'Hey, look. There's only so much money in the pie. Is it possible to reallocate?'"

Larkin continued, "What else could we do? But without the numbers, I can't even begin to make any valuable contribution. And it turns out ... of the 350 some-odd towns in Massachusetts, very few of them do this."

Acknowledging the School Committee's independence, Larkin referenced McGrail's recent meeting of Tri-Town department heads and openly hoped that the same kind of collaboration can exist with the school district. He envisions a report featuring line items in each educational department, including expenses for administration, faculty, and supplies.

"If you could do some financial numbers, you might be able to help them, but, if nothing else, you'd be able to report back to the town in a way that is not very common," said Larkin. "They have done a lot of work; it's been really hard, and there's been some stops and starts. I'm just trying to contribute, and so I just grabbed onto the schools ... and I don't really have a lot to show for it except I think I know what needs to be done. Even though I don't know how to look at a school district, I'm used to a bunch of numbers on spreadsheets and sort of summarize ... that complexity to digestible formats for people to have opinions on and vote on. So that's sort of the impetus of it."

Assad was pleased to hear Larkin's rationale.

"A number of guys I know that on the committee have actually run a business, and you've got to scratch your head and say, 'How could you actually run a business if you're not doing the kinds of things that you describe?'" Assad said. "And that goes for how you actually competently establish a budget if you didn't have that kind of information available to you so you could assess whether or not it's being properly allocated. I think, if you can get there, it would be a home run, especially if it enabled them as a school committee to look at other school districts— and they may be doing very

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well compared to other school districts— nobody really knows.”

As an example, Larkin said that the Town of Weston allocates over 60 percent of its budget to its schools.

“I don’t know if that’s good or bad, but if you want to take a far-reaching concept so [that] we’re talking tactics and information and an esprit de corps— finance, town government, school committee, school leadership working together— really what you’re talking about is if a young family is going to choose the southeast coast if you don’t have a school system that is on the up,” said Larkin.

For Marion to attract younger families, Larkin

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says the quality of education has to be raised. Otherwise, the cost of living will continue to trend higher per capita. Larkin compared the value of detailed school expenditures to how valuable it would have been to the town to fully understand 10-15 years ago how much money it would cost to repair the sewer system.

"To me, it's the only way forward," he said.

McGrail told the committee that the ORR administration enjoyed the recent meeting with the Marion FinCom. "I think overall that was a really good meeting," said McGrail, who told Nelson and Barber that Larkin would be reaching out, something that had not happened by December 16. "Things are insane right now. I talk to them every day, purely because of the pandemic.

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McGrail recommended Larkin begin by attending budget subcommittee meetings and finding opportunities for informal conversation.

Larkin would eventually like to work closely with ORR administration and convey the message that, "We're all in this thing together, we really are."

McGrail concurred. "If I've gotten anything out of the pandemic, is that it solidified a relationship with that group that exists, with Marion, ORR, Sippican, and even the other two towns, certainly Rochester. I think it's there," he said, noting the administration's daily preoccupation with the pandemic. "Right now, it's just nuts; it's COVID all day, every day."

"It should work, it's just going to take a little time," said Assad.

With the Marion Police contract accomplished, McGrail is currently working on contracts with the Department of Public Works and clerical unions.

In addition to Larkin acting as liaison with the ORR budget subcommittee, FinCom deployed liaisons to town departments. Kelson will act as FinCom's liaison with Sippican School. Bill Marvel will work with the DPW, John Menzel with Capital Planning, Assad with Police, Margie Baldwin will stay on the Community Preservation Committee, and Winters will work with the Fire Department.

McGrail reported to the committee on a budget timeline. He has received all departmental budgets except for DPW and Sippican School. He is also waiting on ORR. He said, "Free cash at this point is pretty much certified," and he expects by mid to late January to have a budget to send simultaneously to the Board of Selectmen and FinCom. Weekly budget hearings will angle toward a March conclusion.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee is scheduled for January 20 at 7:00 pm.

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### Developer Decides on Market-Valued Homes

*Mattapoissett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

Last summer, August 3 to be exact, developer Ryan Correia came before the Mattapoissett Planning Board asking what type of development option the town would like to see on the 21 acres he owned at 3 Crystal Springs Road.

As reported by *The Wanderer* in the August 8 edition, Correia discussed several subdivision possibilities.

"The conceptual plans as described would include eight single-family homes on large lots in the towns RR80 district. Those homes would have 3 to 4 bedrooms and two or more baths

served by septic systems. But Correia said he wanted to plan the project that "...the town wants."

Correia said, "This concept is a by rights projects, but we could look at 40B housing or senior units also." He said before his team invested in a variety of development options, they wanted to hone in on what the town would find most acceptable.

"There are massive resource and wetlands in there," said [engineer Nyles] Zager said of the parcel. He said that the single-family concept versus cluster units, duplexes, apartments, or condominiums would, "Fit the land with ample open spaces." But other designs were not out of the question he stated. Zager noted that multi-unit designs would mean far more engineering and time given the wetlands on the property

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and that it is an area significant to Massachusetts Wildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. "These single-family homes will be designed to fit into the natural landscape," he said.

The subdivision concept as presented would include three lots with frontage on Crystal Spring Road and a roadway with cul de sac for five more. "But we are looking for your input," Ryan reiterated.

Several board members commented that affordable housing was something the town needed with member Janice Robbins saying later in the discussion, "It seems clear we need more affordable housing in Mattapoisett, this plan will just be more homes not affordable." "Cluster housing done right could be very affective," she continued. Member Karen Field clearly stated, "We need 40B."

While the board members agreed that affordable housing was needed, where such housing should be placed remained an open question.

Now, on December 21, Correia had made his decision to move forward with five single-family homes priced at market rates. Multiple waivers affecting the type of access roadway needed for the two lots are required to achieve what Zager called the best plan for Correia financially. "Before we go further, we need to ask the board about waivers," said Zager.

When asked by board member Janice Robbins exactly what waivers they would be seeking, Zager responded, "Nearly all of them." He said that the plan

would eliminate an additional three lots, possibly making the project as proposed more acceptable, given that wetlands would not be as affected by development. "The remainder of the land would remain open space."

Chairman Tom Tucker asked Zager to confirm with the Fire Department the type of access needed for fire trucks. The board asked Correia to return with fully executed plans and waivers required. A hearing date was not set at the end of the informal discussion.

More stumbling blocks prevented a proposed roadway improvement project for an existing subdivision from moving forward when Steve Gioiosa of SITEC Engineering returned to the board.

At the December 7 meeting, the board had asked Gioiosa to obtain confirmation from the Fire Department that the proposed improvements were acceptable. Robbins had also asked for a complete subdivision drawing to get a full picture of the entire subdivided area being serviced by the roadway in question. Those drawings promoted more questions than answers for Gioiosa.

Robbins said of the submitted documents, "The 1970 subdivision created five lots on Selha Way, but the westerly side was not part of the subdivision, so it's not legal for those lots to use Selha Way." She said that this discovery was "an impediment to approval" of the requested site plan amendment for roadway improvements.

Gioiosa said that such matters were not within his purview and that he would need to talk to his client, Eric Medeiros, and his attorney for further guidance.

Robbins advised Gioiosa, saying, "This lot was never part of the subdivision, and now you have an amendment to the subdivision. I hear you that this is a road improvement plan, but you have to show this lot—the whole subdivision—as you would normally." She went on to say that, as presented, the road was not in a recordable format and added, "Once you get the right of access, you could amend the subdivision. You need legal access before you can get approval."

The hearing was continued until January 4.

Also continued until January 4 was a continued hearing for Randall Lane, LLC for the construction of a solar array.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for January 4 at 7:00 pm.

## Washburns Look for a New Way in and Out

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

One of Marion's longtime families, landowners, and business owners has engaged in a complicated process to improve the Route 6 egress around his and family members' properties, and his case was heard during the December 21 meeting of the Marion Planning Board.

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As explained by Bill Washburn, the idea is to use the 30-foot-wide Washburn Lane for traffic entering Route 6 and for traffic turning off of Route 6 to use a yet-to-be-constructed road, the pinch point of which is almost 40 feet wide.

"Before we went any further and spent any money doing up a plan, we wanted to know if that [would be acceptable]," said Bill Washburn.

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road to a width that the Planning Board would accept.

However, the questions that the Washburns came to the meeting with were not the same questions that they took home for further study and evaluation.

Washburn estimates that the road is at least 100 years old. It used to wind along cornfields on its way past Washburn Park. "The road may have moved," said Bill Washburn, alluding to a 1910 document and a 1906 photo.

Planning Board member Norm Hills brought up the 100-foot contiguous frontage requirement that cannot be met and asked if the road is a private way. Bill Washburn said, "It's a private way that's used by everybody." Today softball players and dog walkers use the road.

Hills said, "We may need legal answers here," and many of the revelations that followed brought him and the board as a whole back to that point.

The Washburns had discussed the future of the property with town representatives for years. Chris Washburn said that the Department of Public Works plows from Route 6 all the way to the ballpark. Bill Washburn says that, except for a pie-shaped piece of the road, the Town of Marion owns the road.

Planning Board members Christopher Collings and Eileen Marum discussed the problem posed by speeding drivers in that hilly area of Route 6.

"I find [Route 6 speed] to be the biggest problem," said Bill Washburn. "When they built [Route] 195 and took 60 percent of the traffic off of Route 6, the speed has picked up quite a bit."

Hills pointed out on the map that Lot 60 is in the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission's care, which adds further restriction of what can be done in the area.

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me a few things I haven't thought about," said Bill Washburn.

The Planning Board recommended Washburn study state regulations to egress involving Route 6 and the lane's legal status in question.

Engineer David Davignon attended Monday night's Planning Board meeting where he sought and got two Approval Not Required (ANR) decisions, 369 Wareham Street on behalf of Marion Lands Trust and at 28 Point Road for the Estate of Joan Winters.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled to be held on January 4 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

## Careful Planning Goes into ORR's Basketball Seasons

*Sports Roundup*

**By Nick Friar**

After delaying the fall sports season to the designated Fall II due to COVID-19 concerns, Old Rochester Regional High School is back to hosting interscholastic athletics. The Bulldogs' winter teams have held tryouts and started holding practices ahead of the designated start of the 2020-21 South Coast Conference sports calendar, which begins on January 5.

While Old Rochester sports schedules typically include some non-league competition, all Bulldogs winter contests will be SCC meetings. The lone exclusion



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"The athletic directors from the conference have been phenomenal at working together throughout this," Old Rochester Athletic Director Bill Tilden said. "The reason that we wanted to play within our conference is that we're all playing by the same rules, and that was easier and safer to do if we just rolled all of our direction together."

Both boys and girls basketball teams will play a nine-game regular season. There will be a postseason for Bulldogs basketball, but not in the same manner perennial Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) tournament contenders are used to. There will be SCC playoffs, which will last three rounds. However, there will be no state tournament for the 2020-21 winter season.

"Our goals have always been to compete and get better every day, to win the South Coast Conference, to qualify for the state tournament and make a good showing," Old Rochester boys basketball coach Steve Carvalho said. "Some of that is still out there. As a coach, I just want to give these kids— some of them have missed the (2019-20) spring season [so] hopefully they have the Fall II season— I want to give them the best overall experience. But I also don't want to take away from the competitive nature of showing our best face on a nightly basis."

For Old Rochester girls basketball, this is an even stranger time with Rick Regan taking over as head coach following the end of Bob Hohne's long, successful run with the program.

"We just have to adjust based upon current guidelines with COVID and how we're doing things, but we want to continue to try to build," Regan said. "The big thing is, there's a good foundation here, and what we want to do is build on that. The key thing for us moving forward is getting more girls involved in the program because the numbers are a little bit lower right now, and COVID, I think, is playing a part in that, as well."

"It's always, when you take over, a good three- to five-year process to get everything you want done and everything in. So, in that time, what we need to do is to build the program from the lower levels up. And that's going to be my job, that's what I have to do."

On top of the abbreviated schedule, Old Rochester players and coaches need to stick to the guidelines established by the school to remain healthy. Otherwise, they risk the suspension of play, which could cost their team the season.

"I think everyone is being a lot more mindful now because there's a lot more to lose if you have to quarantine," said Meghan Horan, the lone senior in ORR's girls program. "It's not like you're just quarantining from school. Now you would be missing sports— and I think everyone understands that— and they don't want to be

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The winter regular season concludes on February 2, and the SCC postseason will conclude by February 12. MIAA has set March 9 as the start date for the Fall II season.

## Capital Planning Committee to Expand Focus

*Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

It's been seven years since Mattapoisett voters endorsed the establishment of a committee to review the needs of municipal departments facing projects costing at least \$10,000 and to chart the course of those expenditures

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Coming together for the first time in many months, the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee (CPC) is once again chaired by Chuck McCullough. The committee membership, those who have held seats at the planning table for years, and those who are new to the local process, include Ellen Driscoll, John Jacobsen, Mike Rosa, Bob Burgmann, Mike Dahill, Alan Apperson, and Van Cantor. Also attending the December 16 meeting was Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo.

After introductions, McCullough detailed the



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work the committee was charged with performing, namely the study of departmental requests, including meetings with department heads and the Finance Committee and developing long-range spending schedules to smooth out large finance hits with a measured approach. McCullough said it was also time to review the bylaw that established the committee back in 2004 to ensure that it meets up-to-date planning needs.

While this meeting was more of an overview, a roadmap for the group to navigate the process, there were plenty of solid ideas. For example, Burgmann thinks including operating expenses is vital to understanding the financial impact that something might have on the coffers over time.

"We need to work more closely with department heads," McCullough stated.

Lorenzo, whose financial background and previous experience in drafting such planning models were noted, said, "We need to capture everything out there." He said that, during an earlier CPC meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee members, and other Tri-Town officials, it became apparent that the CPC needs to expand the earlier formats, "capturing" all types of big-ticket expenditures such as road and culvert improvements.

Schools were also part of the discussion, and Driscoll was tapped to become the conduit between the technical upgrades that both local and district schools

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may need and the CPC, with Lorenzo saying, "We have to get ahead of that."

Lorenzo went on to say that he wants to "dig deep," and that includes facility needs and structural issues facing town-owned properties. "This may not be the year for a lot of capital plan requests," he said, citing the economic impact of COVID-19 on local, state, and federal funding. "Capital planning needs will have to be dire if it's to be funded."

Lorenzo said that presently free cash stands at \$400,000, an \$800,000 shortfall created by a delay in tax revenue due to extensions related to COVID-19. But he felt confident that, as economics improve, by the Fall of 2022, finances would be in better condition.

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Fiscal Year 2020 accounting closed about a month ago, Lorenzo said, with auditors beginning their oversight work. He also said he would finish meeting with department heads and then give a full report to the CPC in January. "Then we can start making decisions on the town's budget; I want to build a full budget by then."

Dahill asked about an existing list of capital requests. McCullough said that a list dated May 2019 needed to be reviewed and edited to remove items and projects no longer needed. Lorenzo added that he had asked department heads to update the list.

Regarding projects and purchases for which grants were sought but required matching sums from the town, Lorenzo said the town should establish a fund for such expenditures and added, "We are going to apply for every grant we can, so we need a reserve fund." McCullough agreed that everyone should be aware of grants being pursued to avoid "panic" when a town match is required.

On the subject of pending large projects, Burgmann asked about the roadway improvements for Main, Water, and Beacon Streets, a project long in the making. Lorenzo said that federal TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) funding was being sought but had been pushed to 2023 and that no matching funds are required.

Burgmann replied, however, that the town would be responsible for 100 percent of the engineering costs

and that the engineering firm must be available at all times during the construction phases.

Lorenzo assured him that local firm Field Engineering would be at the ready but added, "There will be costs, though," likening the arrangement to the unplanned increase in insurance premiums for the new fire station building. "Those costs need to be part of the operating budget."

In closing out the meeting, McCullough said the most important thing is communication between all parties and the need for everyone to be "plugged in."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee is tentatively scheduled for January 13 at 6:00 pm.

## Connection to Wareham Focus of Pathway Project

*Marion Pathway Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

On December 21, the Marion Pathway Committee met after a few months off to take up the matter of when, where, and how the town will connect bike paths and bikeways to the neighboring towns of Mattapoisett and Wareham. Yet with the plans each of the neighbors are now pursuing, one off the beaten path and the other along Route 6, Marion has big decisions to make.

Chairing the committee, John Rockwell reported the good news that design plans meeting the 75-percent goal for a section of bikeway that will connect to Mattapoisett's Industrial Drive bikeway along a railroad easement out to Point Road had been submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation on December 18.

"There'll be a 90-day review period," Rockwell said, which is likely to put the matter off schedule with Spring Town Meeting timing. He said that easements for construction would not make it into the warrant.

Rockwell also said that, after the MassDOT review, the proposed project would have to go through other agency reviews, further delaying the process by another 90 days.

"That means it would be six months before we could file a Notice of Intent," said Rockwell. He added, however, that as designs stand now, they were ready for the permitting process. When asked about abutters, Rockwell also confirmed that three construction-related easements would be needed around and near Brew Fish restaurant.

Pathway Committee member Jeff Oakes reported that it is possible to have the project placed on the 2023 federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Oakes also discussed what their neighbors to the east, Wareham, have decided.

Oakes said that, during a recent joint meeting of MassDOT and Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), also attended by Wareham selectmen, it was revealed that Wareham



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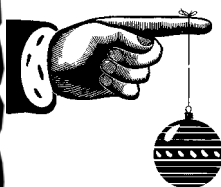
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is leaning toward building bike lanes along Route 6. Oakes said that the SRPEDD feasibility study resulted in Wareham's interest in pursuing those plans rather than forging ahead with concepts to construct bike lanes along County Road, Blackmore Pond Road, and Fearing Hill Road.

"The Route 6 corridor along Route 6 over the Weweantic Bridge to the village could be widened," Oakes said, reporting that plans to add improvement across the bridge span were already on the TIP for 2022. "Shared-use paths on one or both sides of Route 6 are possible, so plans are already in place."

Oakes said the project would solely be a MassDOT project, so the town would not be required to fund it. "It looks as though we (Marion) should seriously consider Route 6." He added that other concepts along country roadways could take up to 10 years.

Rockwell gave a brief historical perspective of Marion's review of bike paths, saying that at first, people were positive about having bike paths and lanes, but emotions changed when other issues surfaced, such as cars traveling at high rates of speed and traffic volumes along such roadways as County Road, Delano Road, and Point Road.

"People became hostile," Rockwell recalled. "They said, 'We can't even walk outside our door, never mind ride a bike.'" This sentiment, he said, had stayed with him. "I've been thinking about it, not being able

to go outside your house without getting hurt." He conjectured that sidewalks would be necessary if a bike path were to be constructed.

"Route 6 makes sense for Wareham," Rockwell stated. He then wondered aloud how Marion would connect to Wareham if Route 6 was their plan. He asked the committee to take a ride along Point Road to Wareham and Point Road to County Road in Wareham. "Think about which is the best route for Marion."

Member Paula Meere asked, "Doesn't that force us to use Route 6 to connect [to Wareham]?"

"If they like one and we like the other, then more discussion will be needed," Rockwell responded. He agreed that Wareham's Route 6 plan was good for them because the route was basically flat from the Marion line to the village center.

"Getting everyone's ideas is critical," Rockwell told the committee. He shared that County Road would present issues, given its narrow layout and rates of speed.

Oakes also suggested that the committee look at the roadways in terms of their usage as commuter roadways versus country roads.

The next meeting of the Marion Pathway Committee was not set at adjournment.

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Although I am a member of the Mattapoisett School Committee, these are my personal views and are not intended to reflect the opinions or feelings of the other four committee members. I share these thoughts openly as a parent and resident of Mattapoisett. I am honored to serve this community on the Mattapoisett School Committee, especially in these unprecedented times. I believe my professional background in the financial services private sector, my life experiences as a mother of four young children, and my persistence to find common ground will benefit the school community at large. I am concerned for the health and welfare of my neighbors, my parents, and my friends. I am concerned for our community, including our teachers.

I am extremely disheartened by particular comments shared during the December 7 Mattapoisett School Committee meeting. The notion that there are two opposing groups—teachers and the community they serve—is a false ideology that I refuse to support. It is harmful, offensive, and, frankly, creates an unnecessary distraction from the real challenges before us. The teachers that are employed in Mattapoisett are part of this community. I believe that the teachers of the Mattapoisett school system are the magic behind the fabulous education that so many of us have factored into choosing

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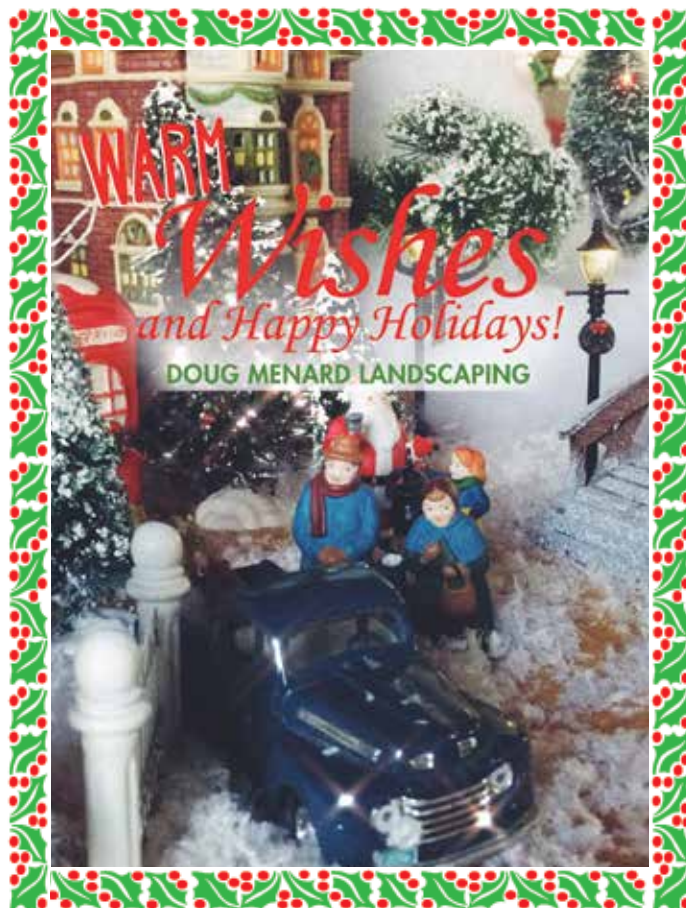
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to live in this community. And I firmly believe the Mattapoisett teachers and administrators care as deeply about the children in this community as the parents and guardians themselves.

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their job, and although many tend to be quite passionate about their career choice, it remains only a component of who they are. First and foremost, they are human— and our decisions should not lose sight of that most central point.

I do not put my trust blindly into our teachers or this administration; they have earned my trust and respect over my five years in this community. I have witnessed them care for the wellbeing of my children, not just the ABCs and 123s, but the entirety of my children's well-being. And while I will not rest comfortably on those past experiences as I fulfill my duties to ensure the best possible education is available to my own children and to all of your children, I do believe that foundation allows me to enter every single conversation and dialogue with respect and assumption of positive intent. I applaud the advocacy that has been displayed in our community throughout this year, as I believe it improves not only our decision-making process, but our decisions. I truly believe that every seat around this proverbial table, from the administration, to committee members, teachers, and families, all have the undeniable shared interest to bring ALL of our students back full time. Yet, I recognize that many may differ on the how and when to effectively return full time. These are ethical dilemmas with no clear right or wrong decisions. As we close out 2020 and head into 2021, I ask that our entire school community demonstrate to our children how to discuss, debate, and even disagree with civility and respect.

These past 10 months have been challenging for everyone. Like many parents and guardians of school-age children, I have experienced disappointment and frustration in relation to their education over the course of 2020. I am concerned for my children's education, as well as their emotional and social wellbeing. But in this unprecedented year, I've come to realize that teaching and modeling for my children what it means to be a member of a community— how we make hard choices, embrace change and ambiguity, rise to meet the moments and challenges before us, and how we may sacrifice our own desires for the wellbeing of another— are the ultimate learning outcomes of the 2020-2021 school year. Our children will learn these lessons not only from their parents, guardians, and teachers, but from the entire Mattapoisett community.

Consistent with the direction laid out in August, the Joint Labor Management Committee has been meeting regularly and will continue to meet regularly to monitor the educational situations directly related to COVID-19. To the community at large: Please make decisions that will support the efforts to bring our students back in person safely and equitably.

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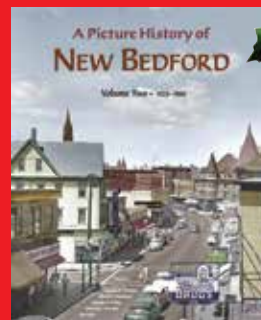
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There is a large box located in one of our Scout family's driveways located at 411 Front Street. We are hoping to raise funds to continue to ensure that Scouting in Marion can be as amazing for these Scouts during a pandemic as it is during normal days. We thank our friends and neighbors for supporting us in so many ways and we hope we can utilize these funds to help back to this amazing community. For more information regarding scouting, donations, and the bottle and can drive, please feel free to contact us at MarionCubscouts@gmail.com.

We are taking the following precautions for everyone's safety:  
 -Please, rinse out your bottles and cans ahead of time.  
 -If possible, pre-sort containers separating soda cans, beer cans, glass, 1-liter plastic, 2-liter plastic, and smaller

plastic ("personal size" drinks) If not, we will take precautions to do so.

Thank you for supporting Pack 32!

## Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

Part of the charming cottage at 312 Delano Road



was built in 1750 by Harper Delano. The prominent Delano family, as well as the Briggs, Dexter, and Ellis families, were among the first

families of Great Neck during the 18th century. A mold for making bullets for the War of 1812 was found in the basement of this house. During the War of 1812, the Delanos were well placed to witness barges carrying British troops from the Nimrod on its way to Wareham, where the crew burned a few houses in the village. By 1903, Amos Cornell owned this property. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was related to the Marion Delanos.

## Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **December 28**: Sausage, peppers & onions, pasta alfredo, sub roll, peaches

Tuesday, **December 29**: Crustless chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, biscuit, applesauce

Wednesday, **December 30**: Meatloaf w/ onion gravy, roasted potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, oatmeal bread, mini chocolate fudge cake, diet: low sugar cake

Thursday, **December 31**: Spaghetti & meatballs, tomato basil sauce, Genoa blend, multigrain bread, orange

Friday, **January 1**: No meals served

## Academic Achievements

Jack Martins of Mattapoisett has been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2020 semester and must have attempted



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at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Martins is a Marketing major at Plymouth State.

**Maggie McCarthy** of Marion has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2020 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. McCarthy is a Tourism Management and Policy major at Plymouth State.

### Mattapoisett Projects Awarded Statewide Shared Streets Grant

Today, Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) in conjunction with MassDOT, announced that several recreational projects in Mattapoisett have been awarded funds from the Shared Streets grant program. Mattapoisett will receive \$237,849 to provide a new, safe connection to the Mattapoisett Rail Trail and create a new safe route to Old Hammondtown Elementary School and areas of employment in Fairhaven. Today's grant investments build off a \$500,000 bond authorization that Senator Montigny championed in 2018 for the South Coast Bikeway Alliance.

As a response to COVID-19, MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces quick-launch and quick-build grant program provides grants for cities and towns to quickly implement or expand improvements to sidewalks, curbs, streets, on-street parking spaces, and off-street parking

lots in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce in their communities.

"Our regional bike paths are not only an unbelievable recreational asset, but they serve as a critical connection for people to get to school, work, and back home," said Senator Montigny. "This investment from MassDOT will allow for more local connection between our regional bike path systems and for greater social, economic, and environmental benefits."

### Mattapoisett Library STEAM Projects To-Go

STEAM Projects To-Go brings a new project for January! STEAM Projects To-Go are created for busy teens grades 6 to 12 who still want to engage with library programming and their community. This month's project will explore matter— anything that has mass and takes up space (or has volume). The project will be to fish for ice using ice, string, and salt. Further, it will inspire teens to take it one step further with a list of extension projects.

Each Steam Project To-Go includes supplies needed for the project, instructions, information about the theme, a library book related to the theme, and ideas for more projects. If you are interested in getting a STEAM to go project, register at the library's website, [mattapoisettlibrary.org](http://mattapoisettlibrary.org), on the calendar, or by calling the library. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to arrange pickup (library card required). If there are no spots left, please register for the waiting list.



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Please contact Michelle Skaar at [mskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mskaar@sailsinc.org) or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public.

### Sippican Woman's Club Holiday Recipes

In 1984, Shirlee Thomas, who was president of the Sippican Woman's Club, with three other women came up with an idea to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. That was the year of the first "Holiday House Tour and Sugar Plum Tea," and there has been a yearly House Tour and Tea until COVID-19.

Shirlee worked in the kitchen during the tea



event, providing advice, experience, and most of all, joy. Many a laugh erased the long hours. If you see Shirlee around town, say hello and thank you.

#### Santa's Whiskers

Servings: 60 cookies

Baking Time: 12 min or until edges are brown

Oven temp: 375 degrees

Ingredients:

1 cup of butter, room temperature

1 cup of sugar

2 tablespoons milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 ½ cups flour

¾ cup finely chopped candied cherries

½ cup finely chopped pecans

1 ¾ cup flaked coconut

Cream butter and sugar; blend in milk and vanilla. Stir in flour, cherries, and nuts.

Form into two rolls, each 3" in diameter and 8" long. Roll in coconut. Wrap and chill several hours or overnight.

## OBITUARIES



**Jeannine M. (LaVault) Duchaine**, 89, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at home in Mattapoisett, MA surrounded by family.

She was the wife of the late Paul A. Duchaine with whom she shared 54 years of marriage.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Hector and Blanche (Gaudette) LaVault she lived in New Bedford and

Mattapoisett most of her life. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her five brothers, Paul, Larry, Marcel, Robert, John, and her sister Gloria.

Jeannine graduated from St. Anthony's High School in New Bedford where she claimed she never missed a day.

After marriage Jeannine was a stay at home mom, creating a loving environment for her husband and children. A devout Catholic, she attended St. Anthony's parish regularly with her family. She was always a generous, elegant woman with considerable style and grace.

She was blessed with five children, Nina and her husband Rory, the late Paula Mee and her husband William, David and his partner Monette, Linda and her partner Bob, and Joseph. Grandchildren include David and Ryan Mee, Devin Vachon, Lindsey and Edward Smith, Jeannine and Gisele Duchaine; and two great grandchildren William and Emily Vachon.

Jeannine enjoyed playing golf and was a long time member of the Reservation Golf Club in Mattapoisett as well as the New Bedford Country Club. She also enjoyed traveling to Florida every year to visit her sister Gloria on Marco Island and her brother John in Fort Lauderdale.

She found her calling as the consummate hostess and party planner. She had a flair for decorating and a knack for crafting festive surroundings for any occasion. In the early days of the Sunbeam Bakery the employees looked forward to the annual holiday party where Jeannine organized and decorated the finest party for all to enjoy.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, December 22 at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Her burial was private.

Please be advised that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there are strict guidelines that must be adhered to for the safety of everyone. You **MUST** wear a mask to be allowed entry to the services. Please practice social distancing and avoid any close contact. Capacity at the church will be limited. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. For directions and guest-book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Christopher E. Taft** - (82) November 14, 1938-November 30, 2020 died peacefully at home in Beverly Hills, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine R. Taft, his children Laura Taft of Dartmouth, Chris Taft of Marion, Diana Taft of Mattapoisett, MA and his 5 grandchildren. We honor his passing with this Cherokee Prayer: O'

Great Spirit, help me always, to speak the truth quietly, to listen with an open mind when others speak, and to remember the peace, that may be found in silence.

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at [office@wanderer.com](mailto:office@wanderer.com).*

Slice half-inch thick then place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 375 degrees for 12 minutes.

The Sippican Woman's Club would like to thank *The Wanderer* for publishing our Christmas recipes for the last five weeks.

### Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International, the world's largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two \$ 2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or home-schooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester.

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual arts and crafts festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett, on the third weekend of July.

The Lion's Club motto is "We Serve." The significant charitable causes of Lion's International include raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and here at home providing services for those in need in our communities.

To qualify, a graduating student or home-schooled student shall be accepted to and intending to attend their first year of a recognized institution of higher education, must be a resident of the Tri-Town, and must have a demonstrated contribution of service to the community.

To obtain an application, learn more about this award, or to learn how to become a member of the Lions Club, visit our website [www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org](http://www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org). Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

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season. We look forward to ringing in 2021 and being together again soon.

The Senior Center will close at noon Thursday, **December 24**, and remain closed until Monday, **January 11**. The Senior Center remains closed to the public, but is staffed and able to arrange van rides, food distribution, lending of medical equipment, and a few other services. Please call for details or if you have needs.

We provide free transportation to and from local appointments for Rochester residents. Please call for a ride with one of our friendly drivers at least 24 hours in advance so we can schedule a driver.

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## PUBLIC ACCESS

### Comcast Channel 9

### Verizon Channel 36

Thursday December 24, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM On the Move  
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:30 AM Health Source  
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV  
11:30 AM Lucy's World of Painting  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM Off the Shelf  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM The Chundria Show  
3:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
4:00 PM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
5:00 PM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
5:30 PM Reel Smah!t  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Arts Alive  
7:00 PM Registers Report  
7:30 PM Science 360  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM Learning Music with Pat  
9:00 PM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
10:00 PM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 25, 2020

6:00 AM Classic Movies - Scrooge  
7:20 AM Noah's Nook - Awesome Christmas  
8:05 AM Christmas Memories  
8:42 AM Christmas Cartoons  
9:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
10:00 AM Southcoast Ringers 2020  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM The First Christmas  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM In the Toy Box  
3:00 PM On Stage Christmas Show 2020  
3:30 PM Classic Movies - March of The Wooden Soldiers  
5:05 PM Reel Smah!t  
5:32 PM A Conversation With...  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Classic Movies - It's a Wonderful Life  
8:40 PM Sippican Choral Society Christmas Concert - December 8, 2019  
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 26, 2020

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons  
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
10:00 AM Health Source  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV  
11:30 AM Science 360  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM A Conversation With...  
3:00 PM The Chico and Brian Show  
3:30 PM Reel Smah!t  
4:00 PM The Chundria Show  
4:30 PM Arts Alive  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Money Matters TV  
8:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
9:00 PM Gay USA  
10:00 PM Registers Report  
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday December 27, 2020

6:00 AM Veterans Voice  
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
8:30 AM Health Source  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:31 AM Lucy's World of Painting  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM The Chico and Brian Show  
3:00 PM The Non-Profit World  
3:30 PM Money Matters TV  
4:00 PM The World Fusion Show  
4:30 PM In the Toy Box  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Off the Shelf  
7:00 PM A Cranberry Harvest  
7:30 PM Sound Off  
8:30 PM Mr. Scammer  
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday December 28, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM On the Move  
9:00 AM Health Talk  
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:31 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM Learning Music with Pat  
3:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Cranberries!  
4:03 PM This is America & The World  
4:30 PM Science 360  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Arts Alive  
7:00 PM The Chico and Brian Show  
7:30 PM Off the Shelf  
8:00 PM Racism in America  
9:30 PM Stop My Crisis  
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 29, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM On the Move  
9:00 AM Health Talk  
9:30 AM Recovery Fitness  
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:33 AM Learning Music with Pat  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM A Cranberry Harvest  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
3:00 PM Both Sides of the Bar  
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
4:00 PM Money Matters TV  
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
5:25 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM This is America & The World  
7:30 PM Off the Shelf  
8:00 PM Cranberry Coast Concert  
9:00 PM Science 360  
9:30 PM Stop My Crisis  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 30, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM On the Move  
9:00 AM Health Source  
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
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7:00 PM The Non-Profit World  
7:30 PM The Chico and Brian Show  
8:00 PM Registers Report  
8:30 PM Science 360  
9:00 PM Gay USA  
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 39

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - December 15, 2020  
8:45 AM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020  
12:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - December 10, 2020  
2:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - December 9, 2020  
3:14 PM Marion School Committee - December 2, 2020  
4:30 PM Marion Planning Board - December - December 7, 2020  
5:02 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - December 3, 2020  
5:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - December 15, 2020  
7:15 PM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020  
11:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - December 10, 2020

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 40

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission -

December 15, 2020

9:03 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - December 10, 2020  
10:00 AM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020  
1:45 PM Rochester Planning Board - December 9, 2020  
3:03 PM Rochester School Committee - December 3, 2020  
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - December 7, 2020  
5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 15, 2020  
7:03 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - December 10, 2020  
8:00 PM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020  
11:45 PM Rochester Planning Board - December 9, 2020

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 97

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### Daily Schedule

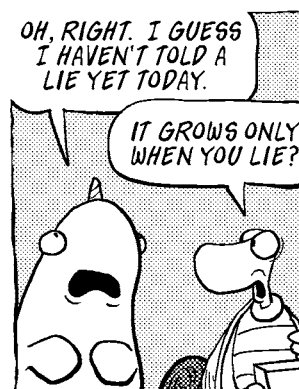
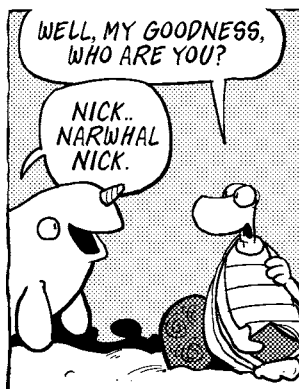
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:20 AM St. Gabriel's - The Christ Story  
7:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Cranberries!  
8:33 AM Veterans Day 2020 Compilation  
9:12 AM Elementary Schools Winter Concerts 2019  
9:30 AM Tri-Town Beyond Community Read - November 17, 2020  
11:07 AM Sippican Lands Trust - Pierson Woods  
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## MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

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vary, depending on the program. If you are experiencing food insecurity, even if temporarily, please call us. It would be our pleasure to assist you in navigating these programs.

The Senior Center can also help with fuel assistance programs for families and seniors.

The Rochester Senior Center would like to send a big "thank you" to Outreach Coordinator Lorraine Thompson and her crew of volunteers for preparing and delivering a wonderful ham dinner on December 18, despite the snowstorm the previous day.

Please contact the Senior Center at 508-763-8723 for more information or to make reservations for rides and/or events.

### Cushing Cemetery

The gates at Cushing Cemetery will be closed and locked just before and during any significant snow/ice storms. We have to do this for insurance reasons and to protect our roads and headstones. After the snow is gone, we will unlock and open the gates. Thank you for your understanding.

### Christmas Day Swim

Unfortunately, we will have to cancel the Annual Christmas Day Swim to benefit Helping Hands and Hooves. Due to COVID-19 concerns, we don't feel comfortable that it would be a safe event. We look

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forward to seeing you next year! If you would like to donate to us, please send a check to Helping Hands and Hooves, P.O. Box 1315, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739. Thank you!

### Recycle with ORRHS's DECA Club

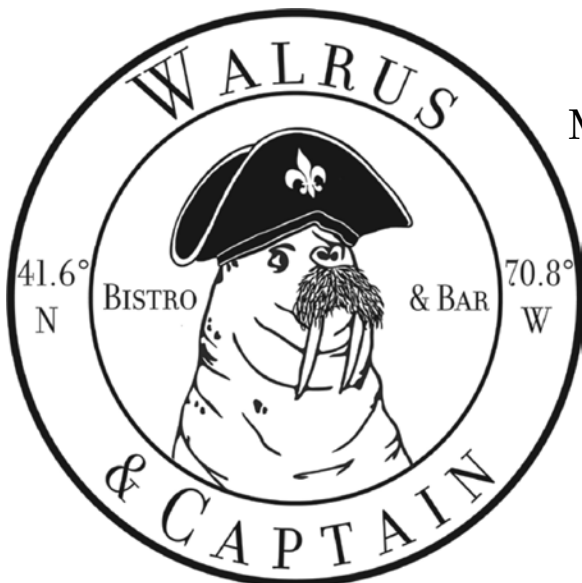
Out with the old and in with the new! Clean out your closets and give Mother Nature the gift of donating your unwanted textiles. Did you know that 85 percent of clothing and textiles end up in landfills even though 95 percent can be recycled or reused? Support ORR High School's DECA Club by donating your textiles all year round. The following can be put in the bins in any condition, old or new, as long as items are clean and dry:

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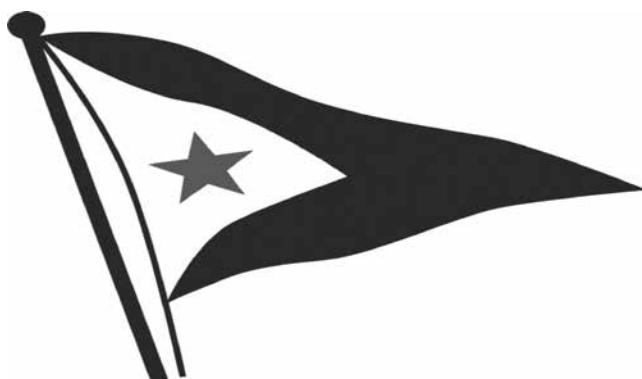
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# MOVIE REVIEW

## The Year in Review

By Rob Gonsalves  
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So, how's your year been?

If anything can be universally agreed-upon these days, it's that 2020 has been the crappiest year in living memory (and as I write this, it still has ten days left to mess with us). One group of people who are particularly battered this holiday season are those who make, distribute and exhibit movies. Now, I know it's hard for most of us to feel sorry for stars and executives who command and get seven- or eight-figure salaries. But the working folks, from the assistant focus puller to the stand-in to the ticket-takers at the Dartmouth Mall, are suffering. There are a lot of folks who never get mentioned on Oscar night who are the underpaid glue that holds the entire Hollywood contraption together. They're hurting a lot more than Christopher Nolan is.

Nolan, of course, earned his envied position as the artistic rainmaker at Warner Brothers by delivering three insanely lucrative Batman movies, as well as a number of non-Batman movies that also made money. His latest film *Tenet*, now available on streaming and physical home media, was the first major motion picture to open in theaters exclusively during the pandemic and its attendant shutdowns. Nolan was very adamant about *Tenet* being the movie that would bring people back to theaters. Result: the movie ended up as #11 on 2020's top box-office list, behind ten movies that came out pre-pandemic — and, in some cases, were leftovers from December 2019. The latter explains why *1917*, a 2019 latecomer that didn't get a wide U.S. release until January 2020, wound up #2 on the list.

As it stands now, Warner announced it's going to release its 2021 movie slate on streaming (HBO Max) as well as in theaters, and Nolan and other Warner directors responded with much finger-shaking disapproval. They don't quite get that the experience of watching a movie has changed, is not going back any time soon, and was already headed for that change even before the pandemic. COVID just hastened the exit of the genie from that bottle. But I've written about the logistical aspect of this before. What about artistically? What will it do to movies as an art form?

The short answer is that movies that share the sort of virtues that we associate with classic or at least top-quality cinema are increasingly moving to streaming, leaving the theaters to the tried-and-true blockbusters. It was getting increasingly hard to find a year-end box-office



top-ten list that had a single film not based on existing media or a sequel or aimed at kids. Last year's top-ten list had Disney in seven of the top eight slots. Serious drama and top-rank comedy has largely gone to TV — cable, streaming, even network TV. You're going to find the 2020s equivalent to *The Godfather Part II* as a limited-series event on HBO or Hulu or Prime before you'll find it at the multiplex. (Wanna feel really bad? In 1974, *Godfather II* made \$57 million. That's \$313 million in 2020 money, which would have placed it at #10 on last year's list had it been released then. But of course it wouldn't have made that much in 2019. But it did 45 years earlier. Were movies better then, or were we?)

But then look at this year's top ten, and Disney only appears once, for a movie it released in 2019. Let's not get optimistic: the number-one movie of the year is still a very-belated *Bad Boys* sequel, which would not have happened in a year that was supposed to bring us a new Bond and two new Marvels. And you know it's been a scrawny year for box office when the notorious flop *Dolittle* still made it to #7 on the list. But *Dolittle* came in just ahead of *Little Women*, with its respectable \$70 million gross. *The Call of the Wild* is also on there, and whether or not you felt it was a decent representation of the book, what was the last year-end list where you saw Jack London and Louisa May Alcott adaptations?

I think the saddest story in 2020's top ten belongs to *The Invisible Man*, which did well but could have done gangbusters. It should've been a word-of-mouth blockbuster thriller. And indeed it covered its small budget four times over on its opening weekend. But then COVID happened, and it was whisked from theaters and onto streaming. A movie like this really loses something when you watch it at home alone (though I still found it gripping) and not in a packed theater with the usual screamers and laughs around you making it a shared experience of dread and shock. That's the kind of experience old-timers like me mourn about the old way of seeing movies. It might come back. But will we recognize it if it does?



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### Meditation During Stressful Times

On Tuesdays at 10:30 am, the Marion Council on Aging is offering a virtual meditation class held via Zoom. Stress has never been greater than it is right now. The pandemic has forced us indoors and has cut us off from the natural resources in our lives, such as time spent with family, friends, and beneficial activities. The good news is that meditation is a natural and effective way of quieting the mind and reducing stress. It can lower blood pressure and promote feelings of safety, peace of mind, and wellbeing. This class is perfect for anyone who enjoys the practice of meditation, as well as those who may be interested in learning how to meditate. You will be guided from the safety and comfort of your home by a dedicated meditation teacher with over 25 years of experience, Susan M. Pisapia.

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*Can you please bring me something nice mice Santa?  
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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



*Santa was spotted paddling into the town beach yesterday afternoon! Happy Holidays! Photo courtesy Jack Eklund*



*Ryan Gordon made this snowman after the recent storm. Whoever knew a mask would be a decoration on a snowman? Photo by Rich Gordon*



*Wintertime in Mattapoisett Harbor. Photo by Jennifer F. Shepley*

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songs of love and songs of protest, Shakespeare set to music, Irving Berlin, Leonard Bernstein, Burt Bacharach, Scott Joplin, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and more. Although this show is free of charge, donations are gratefully accepted. The show will stream at 8:00 pm on New Year's Eve for all who register, with or without a donation. Join us to press CTRL+ALT+DEL on 2020 and start fresh for 2021!

For more information or to register, go to [www.uumiddleboro.org/reboot2020](http://www.uumiddleboro.org/reboot2020).

### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

Mrs. Annie L. Hartley, known as "Grandma Hartley" to many Rochester residents, was born in Rochester and lived here her entire life of 96 years. At the age of 18, she married James Hartley, 23, whose family came to Rochester by way of England and Fall River. Annie moved into 178 Snipatuit Road with her husband and continued to live there for many years after his death. In this home, she gave birth to 15 children, 13 of whom survived.

In 1939, a local paper reported on the Hartley



family Christmas celebration. In that year, there were 79 Hartleys gathered in the old homestead for the family Christmas. Mrs. Hartley was mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, great-aunt, or mother-in-law to all who would be there.

The family tradition, of which this was the 54th year, was to cut down a tree on their own property. It would be brightly decorated and surrounded by presents. This scene had occurred at this homestead every year since 1889.

Of course, serving Christmas dinner to so many was a logistical challenge, but it was a challenge met by family cooperation. Each family group brought something to contribute to the spread, and everyone ate at the same time at tables set up in the three downstairs rooms. At the 1939 feast reported on in the paper, there were 38



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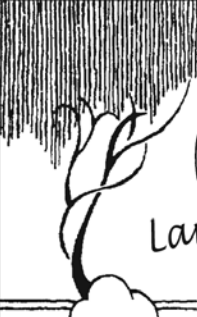
grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, 12 sons and daughters-in-law, and six grandsons and daughters-in-law.

My mother, born in 1920, would have been one of the grandchildren there. However, the Christmases she talked about were the ones held at the Grange Hall. When the family grew too big to gather at the house, they moved the celebration next door. She remembered that every grandchild received a present from their grandmother. To make that possible, all the grandchildren of the same age got the same gift, so the presents had to be all opened simultaneously. The picture with this article shows Grandma Hartley with some of her family, though not at Christmas.

Merry Christmas and, hopefully, a better New Year to all from the Rochester Historical Society.

### Holiday Sales at Rochester Historical Society

Just a reminder! The Rochester Historical Society is here to help you with your Christmas shopping. You can make an appointment to shop at the Museum on County Road by getting in touch with Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908 or [sasha@comcast.net](mailto:sasha@comcast.net), or Connie Eshbach at 508-763-4932 or email [eshbach2@aol.com](mailto:eshbach2@aol.com). We have a variety of sweatshirts, hats, books, and Tic-Tac-Toe games, as well as our Rochester facemasks. We want to thank the various local businesses for carrying our Rochester masks at their stores.



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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Dec 13-Dec 19

- Front St – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – Larceny/past
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – Assist other dept
- Delano Rd – Suspicious activity
- Point Rd – Fraud
- Mansfield Ave – Animal complaint
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Abandoned MV
- Wareham Rd – health/welfare
- Adams St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Ryders Ln – Suspicious activity
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Rocky Knook Ln - Fraud
- Allen St – Health/welfare
- Abels Way – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Grant St – MV theft/past
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Park St – Follow up investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/impounded
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Front St – Gas leak
- East Ave – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Dec 13-Dec 19

- Melissa Anne Ln – 911 call
- Pinehurst Ave – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Pinehurst Ave – Property returned
- Hillside Ave – Animal control
- North St – Suspicious persons
- I195 East – Assist other agency
- Neds Point Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd – MV crash
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – MV violations
- Beaver Path - Disturbance
- Martin Ave – Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Kyla Way - Complaint
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- Harbor Nk Rd – Medical/assist
- County Rd – 911 call
- I195 West – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Dexter Ln – Assist citizen
- Beech Wood Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Millbank Rd – Health/welfare
- Foster St – Ambulance request
- County Rd – Animal control
- Perry Ave – medical/assist
- Wildwood Ter - Complaint

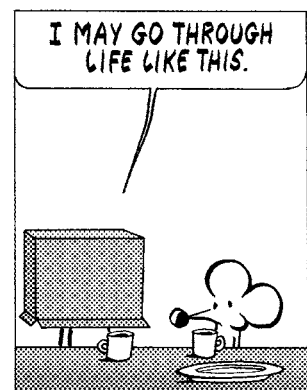
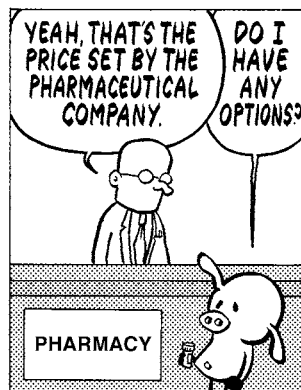
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### Log highlights Dec 13-Dec 19

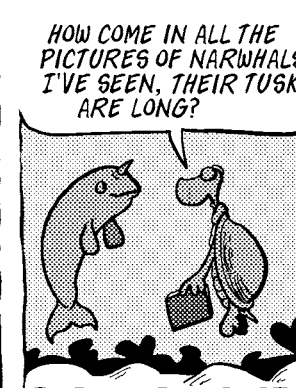
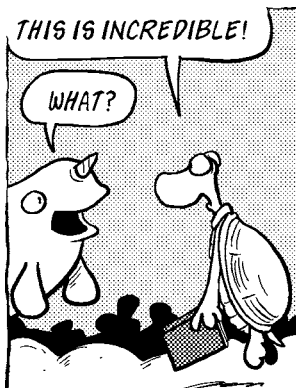
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Pierce St – Well being check
- County Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Noise complaint
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Suspicious activity
- Randall Rd – Well being check
- Boxturtle Dr - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Stuart Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Follow up investigation
- Neck Rd – Erratic MV
- High St – MV collision
- Robinson Rd – MV stop/citation
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – Assist other agency
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Maxim Rd - Medical
- County Rd – Road hazard
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Noble Rd - Harassment
- Jasons Ln - Medical
- North Ave – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- Wordell St – Suspicious activity
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Animal control
- Quaker Ln - Medical

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The Mattapoisett Woman's Club "Great Decisions Program" will continue through a collaborative partnership with the Mattapoisett Library and Director Jennifer Jones. Great Decisions is produced by the Foreign

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## ACROSS

- 1 Dreamworld  
9 Pa  
12 Incline  
16 Big — whale  
19 Person copying another  
20 Straight-ahead view  
22 Dandy sort  
23 "That raving guy is lying!"? [1958, 1999, 1983]  
25 Regret a lot  
26 Mythical ship  
27 Plane-related  
28 Compass dir.  
29 Growing field  
30 Franklin brought a certain continent's nations back together? [1972, 1979, 1983]  
36 Very reactive element  
40 Actor Ely  
41 Inflexible  
42 Assist an unwise fugitive? [1965, 2002, 1961]  
49 Like cold fish  
50 Muscular jerk

- 51 Organic compound  
52 Castle encirclers  
56 Join others in the attack  
59 Poetic foot  
61 — long way  
62 Effortless progress with zero snags? [2017, 1999, 1980]  
69 Certain scroll key on PC  
70 — Dhahi (emirate)  
71 Mr. — ("Fantasy Island" host)  
72 Kings and queens hold agave liquor dear? [2013, 1966, 1958]  
79 High peak  
80 Revered sort  
81 Directs  
82 Cantata kin  
85 Dirt clump  
87 Ph.D. or MBA  
88 Allergic reaction?  
93 City's main business section during a tornado? [1982, 1967, 1965]

- 98 The Everly Brothers' "— Clown"  
101 Bovine cry  
102 Old Fords  
103 Rigg made Rooney go "Wow!"? [1957, 2000, 1982]  
110 Many a seized car  
111 Honest prez  
112 Revered sort  
113 Messy stack  
117 Bitter brew  
118 This puzzle's long answers each consist of three of these  
124 Actor Gulager  
125 Extolling  
126 Analgesics  
127 "Keystone" lawman  
128 Move upward  
129 Heckling cry  
130 Fresh beginning

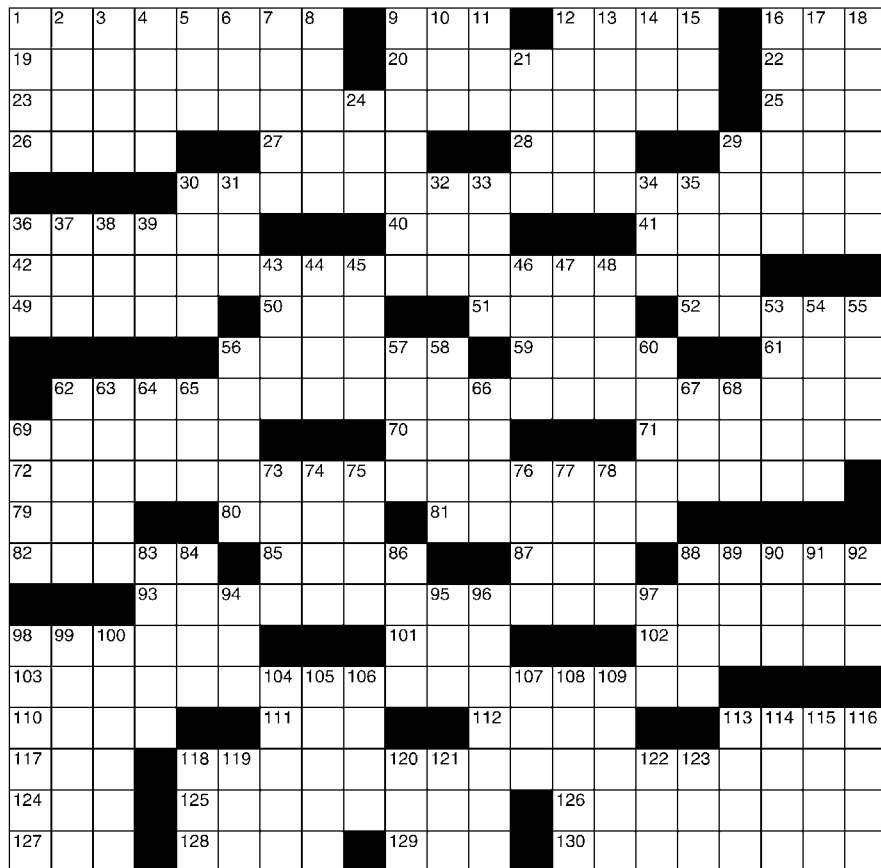
## DOWN

- 1 Mother of Helen of Troy  
2 Love deity  
3 Chest organ  
4 Choir voice  
5 Test facility  
6 Gobbled up  
7 Actor Lloyd

- 8 Less sweet, as wine  
9 Gobbles up  
10 In-favor vote  
11 JFK, e.g.  
12 High-strung  
13 Vine-covered  
14 Grassy area  
15 Mom's skill, in brief  
16 Fright-filled  
17 Wellspring  
18 Epithet for Tarzan  
21 Most recent  
24 Before  
29 Sorbet alternative, for short  
30 Shine up  
31 Broody rock genre  
32 Japanese dance-drama  
33 Concerning  
34 "So cute!"  
35 Beer bubbles  
36 "— ching!"  
37 Slim fish  
38 — Blo fuse  
39 NYSE debut  
43 Of ears  
44 Jaunty tune  
45 Frosts  
46 Modular part  
47 Ark-itect?  
48 Charity  
53 Katy Perry's "I Kissed —"  
54 Toy truck maker

- 55 Wise guy  
56 Cola biggie  
57 Actor Epps of "Shooter"  
58 "Ora pro —" ("Pray for us")  
60 Root beer brand  
62 Filmmaker Pier — Pasolini  
63 Nile's home  
64 Stephen of "Ondine"  
65 Suffix with play or faith  
66 Kick out  
67 Debt slip  
68 Chou En- —  
69 Soho stroller  
73 Roman 350  
74 Consecrated  
75 Sufficient, in poetry  
76 Lamarr of "Comrade X"  
77 Ticked (off)  
78 Accordingly  
83 Prefix with botany or biology  
84 "— Little Tenderness"  
86 Lightest coin  
88 Actor Griffith  
89 Dol. parts  
90 Farming tool  
91 Barn percher

- 92 Slip- — (mules, e.g.)  
94 D.C.'s land  
95 Silent "OK"  
96 Santo —  
97 Diminutive  
98 Audiophile's storage item  
99 Danny of "Ruby"  
100 Wrap, as a weak wrist  
104 Papas' partners  
105 Activist Hoffman  
106 Final letters  
107 Chemical suffix  
108 "Over There" composer  
109 Kevin of "Silverado"  
113 Pitcher — Wilhelm  
114 Central Sicilian city  
115 Golden — (senior)  
116 "Hey ... over this way!"  
118 "Car Talk" network  
119 "Mystifier" Geller  
120 Chest bone  
121 Artist Yoko  
122 Job for AAA  
123 1960s univ. radicals



# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week. **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them.

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You are welcome to offer to facilitate a topic as we are always grateful for your knowledge, generosity, and your command of the subject. After January 6, the books will be distributed through the library. If you have any questions, please send inquiries to Ellen P. Flynn, Chair, elflynn@vassar.edu.

### Giving Season and Holiday Happenings

The Marion Art Center continues its annual giving campaign through the holiday season. As a nonprofit organization, the MAC relies on funding from individuals and businesses in the community. The MAC has received generous support from members and donors during this difficult year, and we're on our way to reaching our 2020 goal. Help the MAC hit the mark by sending in your donation of any size through our easy-to-use online form at [marionartcenter.org/support](http://marionartcenter.org/support). Your donation of \$5, \$50, or \$5,000 will help sustain the MAC during the months ahead while we prepare to be fully operational again. We also accept gifts of securities. In the meantime, we will continue to offer reimagined programs and events while we await the safe reopening of our beloved theater, music, and children's programs.

As our way of saying thank you, the MAC will roll out several virtual holiday offerings within the coming weeks to celebrate the season and the generosity of our donors. In December, we'll feature a homemade

snow globe project video tutorial with Benares Angeley of Childrens' Art Lab at the MAC; a Winter Wonders family-friendly performance by Jackson Gillman – participatory songs and stories about shoveling, snowmen, snow angels, and nature in winter; a portion of the Tri-County Symphonic Band's holiday concert, The Grinch, performed by Phil Sanborn and company; and John Heavey's (Tabor Academy) recorded annual reading of The Grinch in a storytelling format. Programs will be released in mid-December. Stay tuned at [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org).

### Marion Art Center Call for Entries: Winter Members' Show

The Marion Art Center announces its first exhibit of the 2021 season: The Annual Winter Members' Show. Any current MAC member is invited to enter up to two pieces for exhibition. All art must be original, of the artist's own design and creation, and prepared for installation. Show dates are **January 15 – February 24**. Drop-off dates for artwork are scheduled on Friday, **January 8**, and Saturday, **January 9**. Members must schedule an appointment for drop-off. Head to [marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit) to download the contract, submit your entries, and request an appointment through the new, easy-to-use online form. Alternatively, members can email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with "Winter Members' Show" in the subject line.

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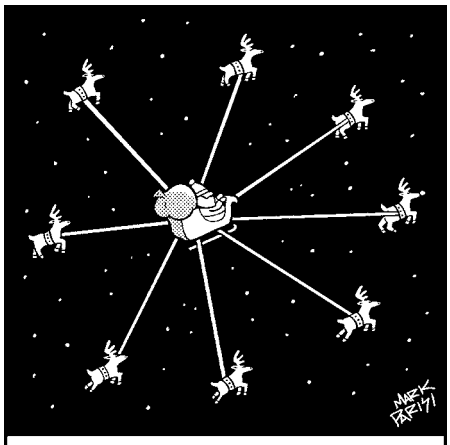
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Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed).</p> <p>Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/99684795051 Meeting ID: 996 8479 5051 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) 12/17, 12/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3-5, the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Board during a regularly scheduled meeting, remotely only via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 4, 2021 on the request for a permit authorizing, and consent of the Planning Board for, the cutting and removal of an Ash Tree DBH approx.: 2' x 6'6" x 50' located at 9 Ship Street facing Beacon Street. Beacon Street being a designated scenic way in Town. (Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed).</p> <p>Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/99684795051 Meeting ID: 996 8479 5051 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) 12/17, 12/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm remotely only via Zoom, concerning the Application For Approval of a Definitive Plan submitted by Stephen Randon for a proposed subdivision of land located at 0 Randall Road and shown as Map 23, Lot 70. Complete plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during normal business hours of the clerk's office or at www.mattapoisett.net.</p> <p>Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/99684795051 Meeting ID: 996 8479 5051 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) 12/17, 12/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>To be held Remotely via Zoom: Meeting ID: 862 4568 5342; Password: 062728 Join the Online Meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86245685342 or Phone #: 1-646-558-8656</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a</p>	<p>Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:05 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of Tabor Academy. The application is for a Site Plan Review c/o Field Engineering Co., Inc. to allow the construction of a 22,750 square foot academic building with associated parking, drainage improvements and upgraded utility services.</p> <p>The property is located at 85 Spring Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's map as Map 14, Lot 6 in the Residence C Zoning District.</p> <p>Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman Eileen J. Marum, Clerk</p> <p>* If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you to identify your name and address for the record.</p> <p>Topic: Planning Board 12/17, 12/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1774), submitted by Town of Marion, to replace three fire hydrants located at 33 Allen Street, 19 Holmes Street and 17 Dexter Road.</p> <p>The sites are further identified as Lot 122 on Marion Assessors' Map 16; Lot 131G on Marion Assessors' Map 16; and Lot 57 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A.</p> <p>Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair</p> <p>*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1775), submitted by Tabor Academy, to demolish the existing library and construct a 22,750 sf academic building with associated parking, drainage improvements and upgraded utility services located at 85 Spring Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 6 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair</p> <p>*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/24</p> <hr/>	<p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions, submitted by Marion Lands Trust, LLC, for the following changes: 1. The entrance of the proposed driveway at Wareham Street has been modified to eliminate the bend from the existing paved parking lot and 2. The easterly property lines beginning at Wareham Street have been modified through an ANR Plan process with the Marion Planning Board for the vacant land behind 369 and 371 Wareham Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 68B and 134 on Marion Assessors' Map 11. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair</p> <p>*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) submitted by Aaron Halimi of NESG Mattapoisett 2 Solar LLC, 879 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. The purpose of the ANRAD is to confirm wetland resource area boundaries. The project is located at 0 Route 195 North of and 0 Fairhaven Line North, and is further identified as Lots 8&amp;9 on Assessor Map 21.</p> <p>**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>off the mark by Mark Parisi</b></p>  <p><b>SOCIAL DISTANCING SLEIGH</b></p> <p>©2020 Mark Parisi Dist by Andrews McMeel 12-24 Get a signed print of this comic: cartoon@gmail.com offthemark.com</p>

January Classes at the MAC: Registration is now open at the Marion Art Center for 2021 watercolor courses for adults. Instructor Jay Ryan will teach two 8-week courses: Beginning-Continuing Watercolor, and Continuing-Advanced Watercolor Painting, starting on Thursday, **January 7** and Friday, **January 8**, respectively. Each class will run 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, and the Friday course has a new drop-in option for just \$30 a day! Each full 8-week course is \$195 for MAC members and \$220 for non-members. Class size is limited to five students, and anyone inside the MAC must wear a mask. Drop-in availability is subject to change each week. A new session of virtual Botanical Drawing with Catherine Carter will be added within the coming weeks. To find out more or to register online, visit [marionartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://marionartcenter.org/adult-classes).

January ArtTalk at the MAC: The next ArtTalk at the Virtual MAC has been scheduled on Thursday, **January 2**, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (via Zoom). ArtTalk at the MAC is an informal group discussion about art (no knowledge of art or art history required). The group meets monthly to review two artists, pre-selected by a host. Participants are invited to make their own refreshments to enjoy during the discussion. To register, email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with "ArtTalk at the MAC" in the subject line. Include your name and phone number. The artworks and meeting link will be sent to the email address provided a few days prior to the event. Find out more at [marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac](http://marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac).

## Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path are pleased to report that the community has responded enthusiastically to the Friends' campaign to raise funds for the completion of the Marion Connector. To date, over 90 households have made contributions or pledges ranging from \$5 to \$25,000. Although contributions are still coming in and some pledges remain to be collected, the fundraising progress to date has enabled the Friends to issue the \$95,000 commitment letter required for the project to be put out to bid in December.

"The generous support for this fundraising effort from so many people demonstrates just how important the completion of the bike path is to our communities," said Bonne DeSousa, president of the Friends. "We expect the final totals for this campaign will be sufficient to provide some protection against cost overruns in the Marion Connector project, as well as permit the Friends to retain some of its cash on hand for future projects. The broad support for this campaign is encouraging to the Friends Board. It means there is wide backing for the work required to complete the remaining segments of the bike path."

"The Town of Mattapoissett is very grateful to all those who are contributing to this campaign and making it possible to complete the Marion Connector in the near future," said Mike Lorencio, Mattapoissett town administrator. "The fact that many contributions are from

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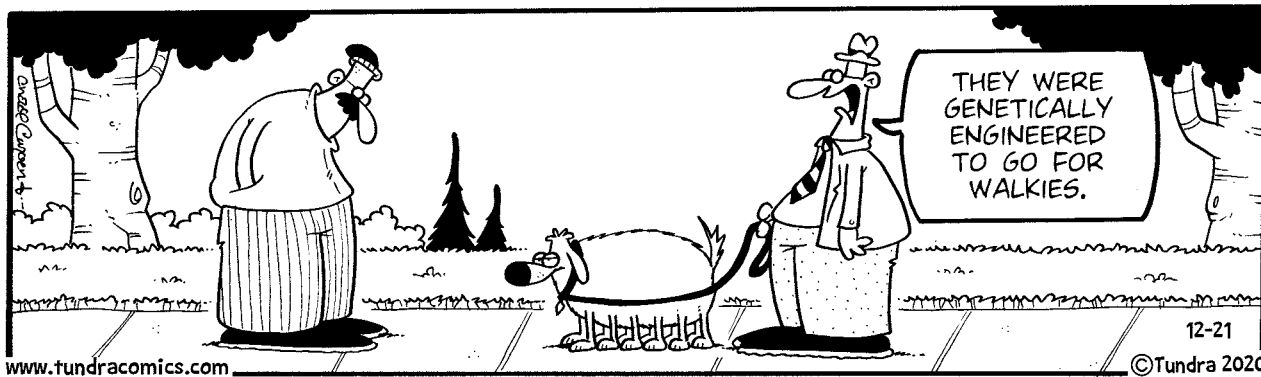
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The Friends is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, so contributions to the Friends for the construction of the Marion Connector are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739.  
Contacts: Liz DiCarlo, 508-942-9343, lizdicarlo@comcast.net; or Bill Coquillette, 216-789-2303, william.coquillette@gmail.com.

### Mattapoisett Land Trust Story Walks

Just in Time for you, your family, and friends to explore during the Holidays! The Mattapoisett Land

Trust Education Committee, in collaboration with the Mattapoisett Library and the ORRHS Community Service Learning students, teachers, and parents, has installed two new, very stimulating story walks.

You will find them on the Dunseith Property off Route 6 by "Salty the Seahorse" and the Munn Preserve Property off Mattapoisett Neck Road, just before the entrance pillars of Antassawamock, to your right.

Not only are the walks exciting and fun, but there is also an emphasis on nature and scientific matter. Wendy Copps, MLT board director and Education Committee member, said, "The Munn Property Story Walk, *A Green Day* by Antoinette Portis, is a poetic conversation with nature and allows the reader to meander down the beautiful path to the conclusion at the beach on Brandt Island Cove."

Mary Cabral, MLT director and Education Committee member said, "A great partnership has been established with ORRHS Community Service Learning Students and Karen Browning, Math teacher and advisor." Mary said, "It is nice to be surrounded by positive and energetic young people while working on the beautiful Land Trust Properties." The students worked on two separate Saturdays, October 24 and November 21.

Karen Browning said that she has lived in Mattapoisett for 25 years and never explored the Munn property. It has been because of Karen's continued support of the MLT Education programs that we are

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most grateful for, as she spends hours and days helping to organize our events for the students, said Ellen P. Flynn, board director and chair of education. "Karen's dedication to our organization is phenomenal."

Our education mission is to enhance students' environmental awareness through hands-on learning experiences in our community, and we believe their exposure to nature is essential for growth and development for a healthier life.

Wendy Copps also explains the Story Walk at Dunseith Property, the book entitled *Rosie: Stronger than Steel* by Lindsay Ward, is about a tractor, inspired by the women who acted with courage and strength in the American factories and British farms during World War II. "This story allows the reader to explore the forested area near a brook," Wendy says.

Mike Huguenin, MLT president, said, "The Land Trust hopes these new story walks will encourage families to enjoy the outdoors and the MLT's beautiful properties throughout the cooler months to come." Mike believes we all need to focus and explore a taste for the use of our natural resources.

Please visit our website [mattlandtrust.org](http://mattlandtrust.org) for more photos, trails, events, and our podcast.

### Marion Town Offices

Due to the increase of COVID-19 in our community and for the protection of our employees and residents that conduct business with them, Marion Town Offices will remain open by appointment until further notice.

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### The Mattapoissett Museum

The Mattapoissett Museum is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on our board of directors. We are seeking creative, enthusiastic, and devoted individuals to grow and diversify a small and ambitious museum focusing on history, art, and culture in Mattapoissett and the surrounding area.

The Mattapoissett Museum seeks to embrace and promote diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion in our collections and programming. We are seeking talented people with skills in programming, outreach, fundraising, and more. Board members do not need to be a Mattapoissett resident. For more information about

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**Classified Deadline:** Tuesday at 10:00 am for Thursday's paper.

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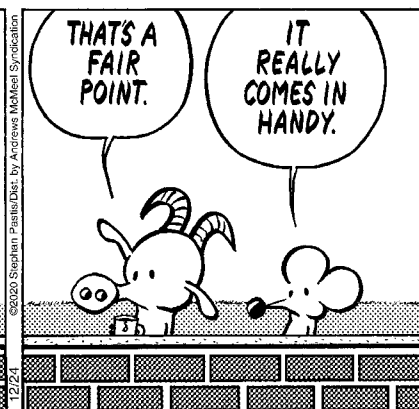
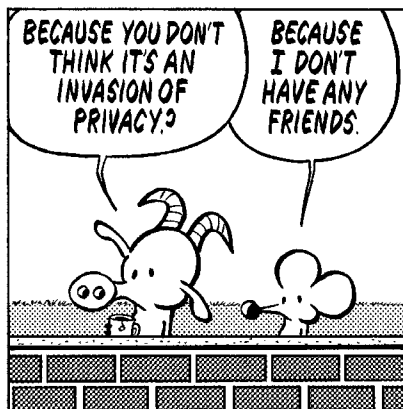
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



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applying for a position on the board and to receive a complete board of director's information packet, please contact the Mattapoisett Museum at [director@mattapoisettmuseum.org](mailto:director@mattapoisettmuseum.org).

### Friends of Ned's Point Lighthouse

Friends of Ned's Point Lighthouse, Inc. is an organization solely dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Ned's Point Lighthouse in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. This will be accomplished through fundraisers and the sale of lighthouse-related gifts, educational materials, and clothing promoting educational awareness, volunteerism, and membership benefits.

The Board of Directors is directly involved with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 63, who through a merger with USCG AUX Flotilla 67, has adopted Ned's Point Lighthouse. It is Flotilla 63's responsibility to ensure that all restoration and preservation efforts are carried out in accordance with the standards set forth and approved by the United States Coast Guard.

Help us restore the most cherished icon of the South Coast of Massachusetts located in Mattapoisett.

Visit our Website at [www.Friendsofnedspointlighthouse.com](http://www.Friendsofnedspointlighthouse.com).

Donations can also be sent to "Friends of Ned's Point Lighthouse", P.O. Box 537, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.



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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don't forget to wish these people  
a Happy Birthday!

Brady G. Gracia	December 24
Carol Rego	December 24
Emily Fauteux	December 24
Jenn Janicki	December 24
Nicole Martin	December 24
Paul M. Lestage	December 24
Zachary Mello	December 24
Barbara Lawrence	December 25
Bernadette Kelly	December 25
Holly A. Lestage	December 25
John Somers	December 25
Michael Robinson	December 25
Brendan Goss	December 26
Bridget Murphy	December 26
Dana Dexter	December 26
Eliza Van Voorhis	December 26
Sean Maloney	December 26
Tom Hagan	December 26
Tyler Mourao	December 26
Allison Kimball	December 27
Betsey Oldham	December 27
David Duchaine	December 27
Kate Hughes	December 27
Laurie Chiarito	December 27
Ethan Somers	December 28
Megan Field	December 28
Amber Gilbert	December 29
Christian Pedulli	December 30
Nicole Cameron	December 30

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com). To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.





## Preschool Screening Clinic Scheduled

The Old Rochester Regional School District will be holding its annual screening clinic for 3 and 4-year-olds on the following dates and locations:

-Wednesday, **January 27, 2021** at Sippican School, Marion

-Wednesday, **March 10, 2021** at Rochester Memorial School, Rochester

The screening clinics are a service to young children and their families in Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester. The screening will look at social-emotional skills, cognitive development, speech and language development, physical development, vision, and hearing. If you question your child's development in any of these areas, please contact Robin Mobley in the Early Childhood Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1948 or 1942, or email [doreenlopes@oldrochester.org](mailto:doreenlopes@oldrochester.org) for further information or to schedule a screening appointment.

## SLT Reservation System for Osprey Marsh

Sippican Lands Trust has changed its reservation system for visits to the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk in Marion with reservations required only on Sundays of any given week. Monday through Saturday will be open for visitors to walk the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk, and those days of the week will not require a reservation to visit the boardwalk.

Sippican Lands Trust introduced its popular reservation system on June 4 to keep visitors safe during Covid-19 including those visitors using wheelchairs, strollers, or walkers. To make an appointment to visit the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk for an hour appointment on Sundays of any given week, please visit [sippicanlandstrust.setmore.com](http://sippicanlandstrust.setmore.com). Please wear a mask and practice social distancing when exploring the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk during any visit.

SLT's 1,800-foot Osprey Marsh Universally Accessible Boardwalk is located on Point Road in Marion. This project builds on the generous donation by members of the Smoyer/Howland family of the 20-acre Osprey Marsh property of forest and marshland on Planting Island Cove. The project has been designed to minimize environmental impact and to maximize accessibility for infants in strollers, older adults, and persons with mobility impairments, including those in wheelchairs. The universally accessible boardwalk proceeds from the Osprey Marsh parking area through maritime forest, wetlands, and fragile salt marsh habitat to a viewing platform overlooking Planting Island Cove.

Numerous SLT donors, members, and friends have stepped up to support this project including a \$38,000 grant from the Town of Marion's Community Preservation Commission for project design and permitting. The boardwalk was designed by Peter Jensen and built by local contractors, W.S. Bradford and Sherman Briggs.

Sippican Lands Trust continues to seek donations



# Happy Holidays!

## We're Taking A Break In January

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FOR THE FIRST (V)AHA! OF 2021**  
**Heroes & Sheroes: Celebrating Black History Month**  
**February 11th**

### AHA! 2021 AT-A-GLANCE

	<b>March 11th</b> Made in NB
	<b>April 8th</b> Sustainable SouthCoast
	<b>May 13th</b> We Art NB
	<b>June 10th</b> PRIDE
	<b>July 8th</b> Summer in the City
	<b>August 12th</b> Water Works
	<b>September 9th</b> Starry Night: 20 Years of CVPA at the Star Store
	<b>October 14th</b> Art in Tune
	<b>November 11th</b> Park, Partners & Placemaking: 25 Years in New Bedford
	<b>December 9th</b> City Sidewalks

**Schedule of events at [ahanewbedford.org](http://ahanewbedford.org)**



## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### A Powerful Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. The favor requested will be granted. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted. Don't mention the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. G.L.

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Thank you everyone for entrusting us to work on your homes! It's been a tough year for everyone, so let's support eachother to get through these times.

**Let's give eachother a chance.**

Best wishes, Nathan, Tyler, Nate, Landon and Kyle

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## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

**For Mattapoisett  
Volunteers Urgently Needed**

**508-758-4110**



**SHERMAN'S LAGOON**  
by J.P. Toomey



from the public to support the long-term maintenance of this boardwalk. More information about the project and how to support it can be found at [sippicanlandtrust.org/2017/10/osprey-marsh-boardwalk-project/](http://sippicanlandtrust.org/2017/10/osprey-marsh-boardwalk-project/).

### MAC Annual Giving Campaign

The Marion Art Center kicks off its annual giving campaign this week. As a nonprofit organization, the MAC relies on funding from donors and members. The MAC has come a long way since March when COVID-19 concerns forced the closure of the building and the cancellation or postponement of many programs. With its dedicated board, executive director, and volunteers, the MAC has continued to advance its mission and serve the community.

This year the MAC has introduced “The Virtual MAC” on the new MAC website featuring an online exhibit, video gallery tours, artist interviews, a virtual Readers Theater event, and ArtTalk @ the MAC (an online art discussion group); a community message board installed on the MAC patio; a COVID-safe version of Arts in the Park; the MAC’s annual outdoor artisan market; a reopening of the MAC galleries with a popular show “Vessels”, plus an outdoor meet-and-greet with artists; a successful, fun, first-ever Online Art Auction; and an outdoor theater production, “Good People,” in Bicentennial Park, with sold-out performances that received rave reviews. More innovative programming coming to the MAC this fall includes an exciting new exhibit featuring paintings by Mike Mazer and sculptures by Erik Durant, a reimagined COVID-safe Halloween celebration, and a new Young Artist Program to expand opportunities for student artists.

Donate to the MAC’s annual campaign today to help support the arts in our community at a time when it’s needed most. Memberships and the limited funds earned from programming this year cover only a portion of expenses. The Marion Art Center gladly accepts donations of any kind – general donations, annual pledges, stock gifts, memorial or legacy gifts, and the gift of growing the

MAC family through membership. Donating online is easy at [marionartcenter.org/support](http://marionartcenter.org/support). Become a member of the MAC online at [marionartcenter.org/join](http://marionartcenter.org/join). Alternatively, checks can be mailed directly to the Marion Art Center at P.O. Box 602, Marion, MA, 02738. To find out more, visit the MAC online at [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org).

### Town of Marion: Online Building Permits Available

Building Commissioner Scott Shippey is pleased to announce that Marion residents are now able to obtain building permit applications online.

Residents can now complete building permit applications online by visiting the Building Department website at [www.marionma.gov](http://www.marionma.gov) and clicking the “Online Permitting” tab in the left menu. A kiosk is also available for residents to complete building permit applications electronically at the Town House.

The Town’s permitting software is user-friendly, accepts electronic payments, and available 24 hours.

All homeowners who have not hired a contractor for a building project may choose to utilize this service by creating a personal account. A contractor can also complete the application online on the resident’s behalf. All types of building permits are available to apply online. Supporting documents can be uploaded and attached as needed.

Residents who wish to continue to submit paper permit applications will still be able to do so.

“We are excited to bring this new feature and make it easier for residents to complete their building permits online and support a greener, paper-free option,” Town Administrator Jay McGrail said. “We also think this is a good time to launch online permitting and urge residents to file permits electronically to keep business going while minimizing social contact during the coronavirus pandemic.”

Anyone who has questions about the online permitting process can call the Building Department at 508-748-7516.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS					
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
JDM Southcoast RT Mccarthy, James M TR Mccarthy, Dennis TR	First Cong Church Roch	0 Rounseville Rd	Rochester	12/02/2020	175,000.00
TelevenI Realty Trust Vermette, David P TR	Lawrence, Carol E TR Gingras Nominee Trust	Randall Rd	Mattapoisett	12/02/2020	150,000.00
Lang, George T Lang, Maria L	Braillard Living Trust Braillard, Walter H II TR Braillard, Ellen M TR	4 Deep Woods Dr	Mattapoisett	12/03/2020	619,000.00
Mcfadden, Nancy A Mcfadden, Jesse A Mcfadden, Amanda M	Gebhardt, Ashley F	106 Main St	Marion	12/04/2020	595,000.00
Berte, Benjamin Morin, Andrea N	Hurlburt, Charles G Hurlburt, Kathryn Lee	171 North St	Mattapoisett	12/08/2020	570,000.00





## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 24	3:36	3:53	10:03	9:32
Friday	December 25	4:29	4:46	10:46	10:15
Saturday	December 26	5:16	5:32	11:26	10:56
Sunday	December 27	5:56	6:14	11:59	11:37
Monday	December 28	6:33	6:53		12:47
Tuesday	December 29	7:09	7:32	12:18	1:28
Wednesday	December 30	7:47	8:12	1:00	2:08
Thursday	December 31	8:26	8:54	1:42	2:45
Friday	January 1	9:08	9:39	2:24	3:20
Saturday	January 2	9:53	10:27	3:06	3:54
Sunday	January 3	10:42	11:18	3:50	4:31
Monday	January 4	11:35		4:38	5:14
Tuesday	January 5	12:12	12:30	5:35	6:05
Wednesday	January 6	1:07	1:26	6:46	7:06
Thursday	January 7	2:04	2:26	8:18	8:12
Friday	January 8	3:06	3:32	9:46	9:16
Saturday	January 9	4:11	4:38	10:52	10:16
Sunday	January 10	5:14	5:39	11:47	11:11

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	December 30th
	Last Quarter	January 6th
	New Moon	January 13th
	First Quarter	January 20th

**I Found the Aardvark!**

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 17, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 69!

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## SCRAMBLERS

### solution

1. Askew 2. Burst;  
3. Shield; 4. Under

Today's Word  
**THAWER**

Sudoku Answer

3	4	7	9	6	2	5	8	1
5	6	2	4	1	8	3	9	7
9	1	8	7	3	5	6	4	2
6	2	5	1	8	9	4	7	3
1	7	9	2	4	3	8	6	5
4	8	3	5	7	6	1	2	9
2	9	6	3	5	4	7	1	8
8	5	1	6	9	7	2	3	4
7	3	4	8	2	1	9	5	6

off the mark by Mark Parisi





at PLUMB CORNER

**SALE EFFECTIVE:**  
 Saturday, December 26 – Thursday, December 31, 2020  
*Closed on Christmas Day; Open New Year's Eve until 6pm. Closed New Year's Day.*  
 565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770  
 Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–8pm

## Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Friends'  
 Premium Black Angus  
 85% Lean, Store Ground  
**Ground  
 Chuck**  
**\$5.49**  
 lb.



Sugardale  
 16 oz. Pkg. Selected  
**Sliced Bacon** ..... **\$5.49**

Allen's  
 Rotisserie  
 Chicken ..... **\$8.99**  
 ea.



## HOLIDAY OFFER!

5.5 lb. Gift Box, Carve & Serve  
**Boar's Head**  
**Turkey Breast** ..... **\$34.99**

5.5 lb. Gift Box, with Ham Glaze  
**Boar's Head**  
**Sweet Slice Ham** ... **\$39.99**



## Superior Quality Produce



Fresh  
**Lemons or Limes** ..... **2/\$1**

California  
**Navel Oranges** ..... **\$1.49**  
 lb.

Crisp  
**Broccoli Crowns** ..... **\$1.69**  
 lb.



Head  
**Iceberg Lettuce** ..... **2/\$3**

Seedless  
**Cucumbers** ..... **2/\$3**

Zesty  
**Red Onions** ..... **99¢**  
 lb.

Dear friends & customers,  
 To stay posted on the latest information about store hours,  
 product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update  
 to brighten your day, we have created a new



**Facebook** page for the store!

Please "Like" and "Follow"...

**Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner**

Please email your order with your phone number to  
 Plumb@FriendsMarketplace.net for

**Curbside Pickup**

We are here for you and are honored to serve you  
 during this unprecedented time.

– The Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

## Wine & Beer

All Beer is  
 Plus Deposit

750 ml California, Chardonnay  
**Bread & Butter Wine** . **\$13.99**

750 ml California, Pinot Noir  
**Mark West Wine** ..... **\$9.99**

12 oz. Cans  
 4 Pack Selected  
**Artifact** ..... **\$13.30–\$15.50**

We have over 75  
 varieties of wine  
 (& more coming)  
 that are only  
 3/\$15 or 5/\$9.99  
 ea.  
 Mix & Match wines  
 from California,  
 France, Italy,  
 Argentina, Chile, &  
 Australia!

## Cheese & Spreads

8 oz. Pkg. Selected  
**Rondele Pub Cheese** ..... **\$5.99**

8 oz. Pkg. Plain  
**Boar's Head Havarti Cheese** ..... **\$4.99**

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Check our new selections of  
**Local & Craft Beer,  
Cider & Wine!**

- Safety Guidelines**
- Face covering required at all times in the store
  - Limit trips (buy more at once)
  - Only 1 shopper per household when possible
  - Keep a safe social distance



Friends Market at  
Plumb Corner was  
Voted #1 for Deli  
& Garden Center/  
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**New Year Savings!**



**Friends'**  
**Premium Certified**  
**Black Angus, Boneless**  
**Strip**  
**Loin Steak**  
**\$11.99**  
**lb.**



**Friends'**  
**Store Made**  
**Roast Beef**  
**\$12.99**  
**lb.**



**Fever-Tree**  
**16.9 oz. Selected**  
**Carbonated**  
**Drinks**  
**2/\$5**  
**+ Dep.**



**Yoplait**  
**4-6 oz. Selected**  
**Yogurt**  
**59¢**



**Stormalong**  
**12 oz. Cans**  
**4 Pack**  
**\$12-\$14.50**



**La Vieille Ferme**  
**1.5 Liter, France**  
**Rosé**  
**Wine**  
**\$14.99**



**Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery**

**Kellogg's**  
**15.9-16.6 oz.**  
**Original or Crunch**  
**Raisin Bran**  
**2/\$7**



4.25 oz. Selected  
**Blue Diamond**  
**Nut-Thins Crackers..... 2/\$6**  
  
12 oz. Cans, 8 Pack Selected  
**Spindrift**  
**Sparkling Water..... + Dep. \$4.99**  
  
16.9 oz. Pure or Light  
**Filippo Berio**  
**Olive Oil..... \$5.99**  
  
18 oz. Original  
**General Mills**  
**Cheerios..... \$4.99**  
  
5.2-5.5 oz. Selected  
**Pringles**  
**Potato Crisps..... 2/\$3**

6-8 oz. Selected Cuts, Bars, or Shredded  
**Cabot**  
**Cheese..... 2/\$6**  
  
48 oz. Selected  
**Breyers..... \$4.99**

**Fresh Baked**  
**24 oz. Pkg.**  
**Strawberry**  
**Rhubarb**  
**Pie**  
**\$4.99**



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